

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, Dec 7 @ 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Seattle City Hall (600 4th Ave)
Norm B. Rice Room – 7th Floor

Goals for the meeting:

- Get to know each other
- Developing project ideas & communication plan within your committees

Discussion Item:

Check-in & Meet-n-Greet with Deputy Mayor Hyeok Kim

Deputy Mayor Kim introduced herself and her role to the group. Seattle has two deputy mayors and handles External Affairs. She talked about Seattle's growing prestige in the global world and has attracted dignitaries from all over to visit. She also works to build stronger relationships with various community, business and neighborhoods organizations to engage them the various City initiatives. Before she was appointed as Deputy Mayor, she worked for InterIm Community Development Associations in the Chinatown/ID. She talked about her path getting to where she is now and encouraged youth commissioners to stay active on the issues that are important to them and to seek out mentors that would support them in their journey. Deputy Mayor Kim was not feeling well, so the conversation was shorter than she would have liked it to be. She would like to meet with the youth commission again in 2017 to talk more in depth about projects that she is involved in and would be happy to host the meeting in the Norm B. Rice Room again. (It was a gorgeous room!)

Department of Neighborhoods Updates

Jenny explained that she wears two hats within the Department of Neighborhoods. One of those hats is the Seattle Youth Commission, and the other is Participatory Budgeting, which last year was known as Youth Voice, Youth Choice. She invited Becky to talk more about Youth Voice, Youth Choice last year. Becky explained that there was \$700,000 of the City's budget set aside for youth (11-25 yrs old) to decide how to spend. Becky and Jess were both on the steering committee and helped to develop the structure. She described the process – where there was this Idea Collection phase where anyone could contribute ideas for how to spend \$700K. Then there was a proposal development phase, where a group of 20 youth volunteers took all of the ideas collected, narrowed them down, and developed more substantial proposals for the ballot. Then, last May, there was the vote. Over 3,000 youth voted on their top projects. Seven projects were funded.

Jenny shared some changes that will be coming to Youth Voice, Youth Choice in 2017:

- 1) It will be called Your Voice, Your Choice next year.

- 2) There will be \$2,000,000 for people to decide how to spend. This will be distributed evenly across Seattle's seven City Council Districts
- 3) The process will be opened up to adults too. Jenny explained that youth would still be their focus.
- 4) This year's projects will be all about 'Parks & Streets'. Eligible projects will have to be physical projects that take place in Seattle's parks and streets. This means, any project that has to be built or constructed, like repaving the tennis court, building trails, adding new park equipment, projects that help make street crossings safer, etc. The name will be Your Voice, Your Choice: Parks & Streets

Jenny explained how involved the youth commission was last year in collecting project ideas and getting their schools to vote on the projects. She asked youth commission if they would be interested in being a part of Your Voice, Your Choice: Parks & Streets again. Many youth commissioners expressed interest in being involved in the different phases.

Committee Work

There was quite a bit of time to work in committees. Because there were several absences, there were some committees that only had a few members present. Please be sure to connect with your committee members to see what you missed.

- *Public Safety Committee:*
 - They talked about the importance of communicating with each other and set up a group me chat. The group missed out on a great opportunity to be involved in the Dec 17 meeting because they didn't act quickly enough. To avoid this happening again, they plan to be more responsive to opportunities in the future.
- *Education/Schools:*
 - They talked about connection with Abraham Rodriguez-Hernandez to see how they can plug into the Racial Equity Team work that the school district is doing.
 - Dwane Chappelle, Director of Department of Education and Early Learning would like to meet with the group. Who would like to take point on contacting Mr. Chappelle? (Dwane.Chappelle@seattle.gov)
- *Homelessness/Housing Affordability:*
 - The group decided that they would like to focus on youth homelessness. They started a [Google Doc](#).
 - Jenny has put the group in touch with Marci Curtin, from HSD, who works on issues related to youth homelessness. The group plans to meet with Marci before our Jan 4 meeting.

Other Ideas to Consider:

- Would SYC be up for hosting an "Ask the Mayor" segment for the Seattle Channel? Can you collect questions from peers to ask Mayor Murray?
- Would SYC be up for hosting a "Council Connections" segment for the Seattle Channel? Can you collect questions from peers to ask Councilmembers?
- Nationwide issues impacting youth?

Announcements & Opportunities

- **Youth Action Day (Sunday, Jan 29 & Monday, Jan 30)**

This event is an overnight event that takes place in Olympia.

This event is about: exposure to the capital and the legislative process, advocacy and youth empowerment through youth voice, and about collaboration and networking.

Sunday is day where teen leadership groups from all over our region:

- Build relationships with the groups who are there. (We are looking at 75 – 100+ youth)
- Tour the capital campus
- Learn about the legislative process
- Prepare to speak with Legislators on Monday
- Attend workshops on the legislative process
- Discuss issues with each other

Monday is a day where:

- Youth meet with Legislators from their districts to advocate for what matters to them, build relationships, and/or get exposed to that level of elected officials.

There is overnight stay and event planners are working to make everything for this event FREE for everyone. But they need to know who would like to go and how many youth they need to plan for. **QUESTION FOR YOU: Do you want to and are you able to attend?**

Also, this event is co-sponsored by the Office of Superintendent of Instruction, which would count as an excused absence from school on Mon, Jan 30.

*Please note that it is very important to follow through with your commitment to go, as there will be a lot of planning that has to be done to support the event.

- **Upcoming Meetings**

- Jan 4 Meeting – Councilmember Tim Burgess. We will also be getting our Group Photo, so please make every effort to be there! All of you are part of this amazing team!

Action Items

- ☐ Connect with your committee members! Come ready with some committee updates in January.
- ☐ Let Jenny know if you would like to attend the Youth Action Day.
- ☐ Jenny will schedule another meeting with Dep. Mayor Kim